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SUBJECT: SENIOR SEMINAR CASE STUDY TRAVEL OF A.L. SELIGMANN

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1. POST WARMLY WELCOMES SENIOR SEMINAR TRAVELER. WE WILL STRETCH OUR LIMITED LOGISTICS AND TRANSLATION CAPABILITIES TO MAXIMUM TO ASSIST SELIGMANN IN ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS RESEARCH OBJECTIVE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO COMMENT (FIRST REF), WE MARSHALL FOLLOWING FACTS AND OBSERVATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

(A) IN TERMS OF OVERALL RESEARCH TRAVEL SCHEDULE AND MOST EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF TIME AVAILABLE, PROJECTION OF SEVEN DAYS IN NOUAKCHOTT APPEARS OVERGENEROUS. WE VERY MUCH DOUBT SELIGMANN CAN SPEND MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS PRODUCTIVELY ON SAHARA SEARCH HERE.

(B) NOUAKCHOTT-ALGIERS FLIGHT CONNECTION IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE PROBLEMATIC. AIR ALGERIE ONCE-A-WEEK CONAKRY-BAMAKO-NOUAKCHTT-ALGIERS FLIGHT HAS OVERFLOWN NOUAKCHOTT PAST TWO WEEKS IN ROW. LOCAL OFFICE HAS OFFERED FLIMSY EXCUSE THAT ALL SEATS WERE SOLD AND OCCUPIED

IN CONAKRY. BUT MUCH MORE PROBABLE EXPLANATION IS THAT CANCELLATION IS ONE MORE FACET IN GROWING ECONOMIC PRESSURE ALGERIA IS CURRENTLY EXERTING ON MAURITANIA. SO FAR, SOUTHBOUND FLIGHTS HAVE LANDED IN

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NOUAKCHOTT, BUT IMPRESSION RAPIDLY GAINING CURRENCY HERE IS THAT

AIR ALGERIE HAS INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED ALL RPT ALL SERVICE TO NOUAKCHOTT, AND IS PLANNING MAKE ANY REQUIRED TECHNICAL STOPS IN DAKAR INSTEAD.

(C) AIR MAURITANIE MAKES DIRECT ROUND-TRIP NOUAKCHOTT-DAKHLA FLIGHT EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY. PRICE RT IS DOLLARS 122.

(D) FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTS THERE ARE REGULAR FLIGHTS SEVERAL TIMES PER WEEK BETWEEN AL-AAIUN AND CASABLANCA.

(E) BUT, ACCORDING MINISTRY, THERE IS NO SCHEDULED SERVICE BETWEEN DAKHLA AND AL-AAIUN. THAT GAP IS CURRENTLY FILLED ONLY BY SPECIAL AIRCRAFT. GIVEN LIMITED CAPABILITIES OF AIRM, THESE SPECIAL FLIGHTS MUST BE VIA MOROCCAN CIVIL OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT. IF SO, ARRANGEMENT COULD PERHAPS BE MADE IN RABAT TO GET ABOARD.

E. GIVEN UNCERTAINTY NOUAKCHOTT-ALGIERS LINK AND IN VIEW TIME LIMITATIONS AND PRESENTLY AVAILABLE SAHARA AIR CONNECTIONS, SELIGMANN MAY WISH CONSIDER EITHER REVERSING DIRECTION OF HIS PROPOSED CIRCUIT (THUS BETTING ON AIR ALGERIE SOUTHBOUND SERVICE) OR REDESIGNING IT COMPLETELY, AND AT SAME TIME SWITCHING PORTION OF NOUAKCHOTT TIME TO FIRST HAND EXPLORATION OF SAHARA. THUS EITHER: RABAT-ALGIERS-NOUAKCHOTT-DAKHLAJ AL AAIUN-LAS PALMAS-MADRID (OR IF CANARIES LINK DEFUNCT, AL AAIUN-CAS BLANCA-MADRID), WITH ALTERNATIVES OF NOUAKCHOTT-DAKHLA-NOUAKCHOTT-CASABLANCA-AL AAIUN-CAS BLANCA-MADRID. OR: RABAT-ALGIERS-RABAT PLUS NORTH SOUTH BOUND TRIP LEAP-FROGGING DOWN AND UP COAST.

4. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF RABAT AND ALGIERS ON NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT PLANS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

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